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SUBJECT: U.S. SCIENTIFIC OBSERVER ON JAPANESE ANTARCTIC PELAGIC
WHALING FLEET

REF: STATE 235927

1. REGFISHATT DISCUSSED

CONTENTS REF TELEGRAM WITH OYAMA,
HIGH SEAS FISHERIES DIVISION, JFA ON OCT 7, 1975. OYAMA
INDICATED THAT COMPANIES WOULD WANT CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF
(1) WHO IS RESPONSIBLE IN CASE OF ACCIDENT TO OBSERVER AND
(2) ASSURANCE THAT OBSERVER WILL FOLLOW SHIP BOARD RULES OF
BEHAVIOR WHILE ON MOTHERSHIP. IN ADDITION, WHALING COMPANIES
WILL REQUIRE CONFIRMATION TQT INFORMATION GATHERED WILL NOT
BE PASSED TO ANTI-WHALING GROUPS FOR PURPOSE OF BRINGING
PRESSURE ON COMPANIES.

2. WHILE OYAMA COULD NOT ASSURE THAT COMPANIES WILL ACCEPT
OBSERVER, HE WAS OF OPINION THAT IT CAN BE ARRANGED AND HE
IS CONTACTING COMPANIES TO OBTAIN APPROVAL AND DESIGNATION
OF VESSEL THAT WILL TAKE OBSERVER.

3. DUE TO SHORT TIME PERIOD PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, REGFISHATT
RECOMMENDS THAT NECESSARY ACTIONS BE TAKEN TO ENSURE EARLY
DEPARTURE IN ANTICIPATION OF ACCEPTANCE BY COMPANIES.

FOLLOWING IS MOTHERSHIP DEPARTURE SCHEDULE: 10/25,
KYOKYUO MARU NO. 3 FROM CHIBA; 10/27, NISSHIN MARU
NO. 3 FROM SASEBO; 10/31, TONAN MARU NO. 2 FROM KOBE.
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